



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

August 29, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 29-Aug-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	92.00	86.50	86.50	91.50	89.26
Last week	91.00	86.50	87.50	89.50	88.68

Selected Cities Large - 29-Aug-03: New York 93-97 Chicago 83-88 California 123

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 25-Aug-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	127.0	277.3	149.7	174.9	218.1	946.9	240.6	1187.5
% change PW	8	6	18	-3	5	6	-2	4

Breaking Stock 29-Aug-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	66-68.5 M 68	64-68 M 65-67
Checks & Undergrades	53-59.0 M 53	51-64 M 52-56

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 23-Aug-03.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,226,600	30,193	12,509	5,900	2,367	4,247
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,236,425	29,700	11,385	6,283	2,439	4,285
LAST YEAR	1,285,319	31,019	11,194	5,905	3,030	4,525
% CHANGE PWK	-1	2	10	-6	-3	-1
% CHANGE LY	-5	-3	12	0	-22	-6
TO-DATE 2003	39,132,187	951,907	359,375	196,116	80,163	141,761
TO-DATE 2002	40,722,410	947,184	394,247	211,415	97,134	144,858
% CHANGE YTD	-4	1	- 9	-8	-18	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 43.09 Previous Week: 41.78 Last Year: 40.96

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 39.62 Previous Week: 38.31 Last Year: 37.44

National Liquid Eggs - 29-Aug-03 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	7	63-64.5	63.86	.86
WHITES	35	45-47.5	46.71	4.02
YOLKS	8	89-89.5	89.13	1.13

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 89 to 93 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 52 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 29-Aug-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern		Central		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	65-77	M 73-76.5	73.0-76.5	M 74-76.5	80-84	79-82
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				93-105	-
Whites	56-58	M -	56.0-58	M	61-68	61-64
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	97-106	M 98-104	102.0-106	M 102	106-114	106-109
Salted	95-100	M 97-100	97.5-100	M -	102-108	103-106

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 29-Aug-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.59-2.95	2.65-2.85
YOLKS	2.23-2.60	2.35-2.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.25-4.75	4.34-4.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.84-2.10	1.95-2.05

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 09-Aug-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,044	This week	205	This week	1,249
Last week	1,133	Last week	196	Last week	1,329
Last year	1,738	Last year	326	Last year	2,064
To Date 2003	49,463	To Date 2003	8,111	To Date 2003	57,574
To Date 2002	56,499	To Date 2002	10,110	To Date 2002	66,609

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Aug-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	402	0	0	402
Last year /1	402	0	135	537
To date 2003	10,512	96	342	10,950
To date 2002	12,078	21	524	12,623

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Aug-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	120	129	42	291
Last year /1	68	64	60	192
To date 2003	3,807	1,984	904	6,695
To date 2002	4,235	2,317	3,360	9,912

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Aug-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	870	2,030	750	5,460	1,630	10,740
Last year /1	0	2,125	3,700	1,050	1,440	0	8,315
To date 2003	273	15,917	66,055	40,583	68,146	5,482	196,456
To date 2002	1,191	21,605	88,756	33,061	187,655	12,702	344,970

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Aug-03

Total All Layers on 01-Aug-03 totaled 332 million, down 1% from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Aug-03 averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.
Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Aug-03 = 273.6 million, down 1% from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Aug-03 averaged 73.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-Aug-02.
30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.86 billion eggs during Jul-03, down slightly from Jul-02.
Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jul-03 totaled 35.6 million, up slightly from Jul-02.
Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.7 million on 01-Aug-03, down 6% from a year ago.
Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 226,000 during Jul-03, down 20% from Jul-02.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Aug-03 = 256.0 million, down 1% from 01-Aug-02.
Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Aug-03 = 73.9, up 2% from 01-Aug-02.
Layers in forced molt on 01-Aug-03 were 4.2%, down 11% from those in molt on 01-Aug-02.
Layers with molt completed on 01-Aug-03 were 23.0, up 7% from 01-Aug-02.
Layers sold during Jul-03 totaled 13.9 million, down 0% from Jul-02.
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jul-03 were 4.9 million, up 13% from Jul-02.
Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Aug-03 = 92.5 million, up 4% from 01-Aug-02.
Pullets added during Jul-03 = 22.1 million, up 6% from Jul-02.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Jul-03

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,679	1,155	11,073	3,618	18,525
Previous Month	2,659	897	10,725	3,670	17,951
Last year	1,863	1,015	6,414	3,651	12,943
% of Previous Month	101	129	103	99	103
% of Last Year	144	114	173	99	143